

2, STATEMENT CONCERNING NON-PREJUDICIAL DISCLOSURES OR EXCEPTIONS TO LACK OF NOVELTY

Due to a disclosure by the inventors on 22 September 2002, the applicant respectfully requests that the subject International application be granted the respective provisions under National laws concerning Exceptions to Lack of Novelty in each of the designated countries. This is not an admission that the subject invention lacks novelty or inventive step over this disclosure. Exception to Lack of Novelty is hereby requested for purposes of disclosure and precautionary measures.